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File: Cambodia

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, ICRS

SUBJECT : Request for Photo-Coverage of the Cambodia/Laos  
South Vietnam Border Area

1. A specific photographic collection effort should be directed over the Laos/Cambodia/South Vietnam border area at the earliest practicable time. Coverage useful for monitoring Communist activity in this area has not been acquired this year. GIANT NAIL missions flown since the first of the year have obtained coverage of Cambodia and Laos but consistently west of the tri-border area. Action to remedy this deficiency is recommended in paragraph 2.

2. Current and comprehensive photo-coverage of designated locales in the tri-country border region is now needed as a matter of priority to provide a firm basis for intelligence determinations of the present status of lines of communication, use of infiltration facilities, and other military activity in the area. CIA recommends, therefore, that ICRS request appropriate operational authorities to plan and acquire high-resolution overhead photography, preferably GIANT NAIL coverage, of the target areas delineated below, as soon as possible:

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